

Geoff Molson | Owner, president, CEO

Marc Bergevin | Executive vice-president, general manager

\$775M

Forbes 2013 valuation
NHL rank: Third

21,273

Average 2013-14 attendance
NHL rank: Third



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Mario Leblanc (video)
Pierre Allard
(strength and conditioning)

2014-15 OUTLOOK

After making it to the conference final last season, the Canadiens are unlikely to be satisfied with anything less. That's not going to be easy.

The leadership that got them further than anyone expected last season will be tested this year after the team lost veterans Brian Gionta (free agency), Josh Gorges (traded to Buffalo) and the past-his-prime Daniel Brière (traded to Colorado).

Wary of putting too much pressure on any one individual, the Canadiens decided to forgo anointing a new captain and instead distributed four As to Andrei Markov, Tomas Plekanec, Max Pacioretty and P.K. Subban. The leadership by committee approach served the team well enough last year even when Gionta was wearing the 'C' and should continue to be a strength.

Montreal's biggest off-season move was coming to terms on an eight-year deal with one of those leaders — restricted free agent Subban, their all-star defenceman — after a series of hardball manoeuvres by both sides looked destined to end badly. Cooler heads finally prevailed, and the Canadiens' blue line and power play should be in good shape with Markov and Subban leading the way again.

It will look even better if the 6-foot-6 Jarred Tinordi can prove he is ready to make the full-time move to the big club. Already possessing physical dimensions that make coaches drool, Tinordi showed in the pre-season that he won't be shy about throwing his 230-pound frame around. Fellow blueliner Nathan Beaulieu doesn't have Tinordi's size, but he flashed enough big-league skill during the playoffs and this year's pre-season to earn himself a spot on the back end. The hard-hitting Alexei Emelin, Mike Weaver and new addition Tom Gilbert help round out a defence that should be better than last year's unit that forced goalie Carey Price into too many uncomfortable situations.

Perhaps the team's toughest challenge will be replacing the offence that departed with Gionta and Brière. Alex Galchenyuk — drafted third overall by the Canadiens in 2012 — is the most obvious candidate to pick up the slack. His offensive output will be dictated by his usage. The Canadiens have been using him at his natural centre position during the pre-season, although the experiment will probably be short-lived. But if he proves he can handle the defensive assignments that come with playing centre (unlikely), or find a way to get himself more minutes on the power play (likely), a big jump from last season's 31 points would not be unrealistic.

Rene Bourque will again be asked to be more productive during the regular season after a big post-season. Bourque had 11 points in 18 playoff games after contributing just 16 in 63 regular-season games.

P.A. Parenteau, who arrived from Colorado in exchange for Brière, is expected to bolster one of the top two lines and the 31-year-old is just three years removed from a 67-point season with the New York Islanders.

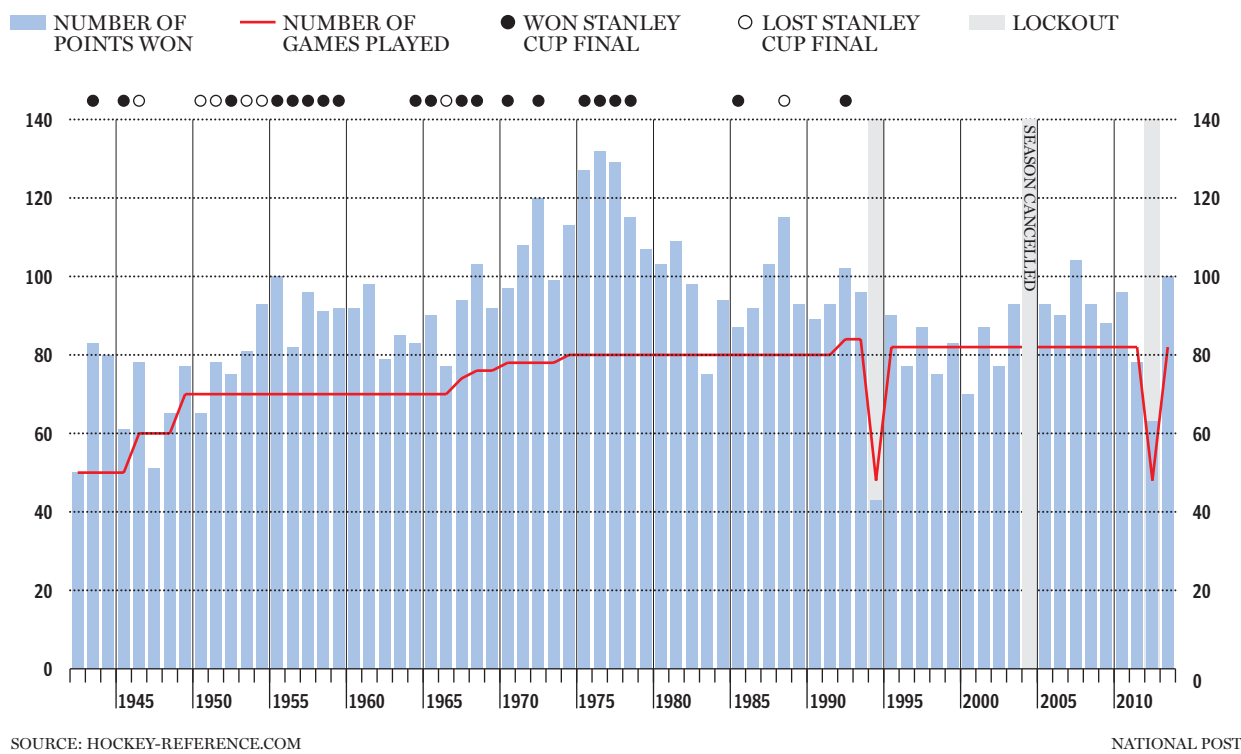
But, as always with Montreal, the team will travel only as far as Price can take them. After an injury kept him out of the conference final last year, no one on the team has as much motivation to get back there again. While he is unlikely to improve on last season's career-high save percentage (.927), the team's improved defence should make life easier and less demanding for him.

Dave Yasvinski, National Post

MONTREAL CANADIENS YEARBOOK

2013-14 | 100 points (46-28-8), third in Atlantic | 2.55 goals per game (21st); 2.45 goals allowed per game (8th) | 0.99 5-on-5 goal ratio (16th) | 17.2% power play (19th); 85.1% penalty kill (4th) | -2.6 shot differential per game (25th) | 2013-14 post-season | def. Tampa Bay 4-0 (conf. QF); def. Boston 4-3 (conf. SF); lost to NY Rangers 4-2 (conf. final)

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SOURCE: HOCKEY-REFERENCE.COM

NATIONAL POST



Carey Price and P.K. Subban

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DEPTH CHART

LEFT WING					CENTRE					RIGHT WING				
GP	G	A	TOI		GP	G	A	TOI		GP	G	A	TOI	
Max Pacioretty	73	39	21	18:29	David Desharnais	79	16	36	17:12	P.A. Parenteau*	55	14	19	16:57
Alex Galchenyuk	65	13	18	14:23	Tomas Plekanec	81	20	23	19:46	Brendan Gallagher	81	19	22	15:57
Rene Bourque	63	9	7	14:11	Lars Eller	77	12	14	15:57	Jiri Sekac*	47	11	17	n/a
Brandon Prust	52	6	7	12:49	Manny Malhotra*	69	7	6	11:36	Dale Weise†	17	3	1	10:06

DEFENCE					GOAL									
GP	G	A	TOI		GP	GAA	SV%	SO						
P.K. Subban	82	10	43	24:36	Alexei Emelin	59	3	14	19:15	Carey Price	59	2.32	.927	6
Andrei Markov	81	7	36	25:14	Tom Gilbert*	73	3	25	21:20	Dustin Tokarski†	3	1.84	.946	1
Nathan Beaulieu	17	0	2	13:13	Mike Weaver†	17	1	6	17:30					

DEPTH PLAYERS

LW Michael Bournival, RW Travis Moen, D Jarred Tinordi; Minors: D Davis Drewiske, G Joey MacDonald

ROOKIE WATCH

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* Acquired in off-season, stats are with previous team; † acquired during 2013-14 season, stats are with Montreal only

FRANCHISE RECORDS

Season records are from beginning of Original Six era (1942-present)

GAMES PLAYED, CAREER

- Henri Richard | 1955-75 1,256
- Larry Robinson | 1972-89 1,202
- Bob Gainey | 1973-89 1,160

GOALS, CAREER

- Maurice Richard | 1942-60 544
- Guy Lafleur | 1971-85 518
- Jean Béliveau | 1950-71 507

GOALS, SEASON

60

Steve Shutt | 1976-77
Guy Lafleur | 1977-78

ASSISTS, CAREER

- Guy Lafleur | 1971-85 728
- Jean Béliveau | 1950-71 712
- Henri Richard | 1955-75 688

ASSISTS, SEASON

82

Pete Mahovich | 1974-75

POINTS, CAREER

- Guy Lafleur | 1971-85 1,246
- Jean Béliveau | 1950-71 1,219
- Henri Richard | 1955-75 1,046

POINTS, SEASON

136

Guy Lafleur | 1976-77

PLUS-MINUS, SEASON

+120

Larry Robinson | 1976-77

PENALTY MINUTES, SEASON

358

Chris Nilan | 1984-85

GOALIE WINS, CAREER

- Jacques Plante | 1952-63 314
- Patrick Roy | 1984-95 289
- Ken Dryden | 1970-79 258

GOALIE WINS, SEASON

42

Jacques Plante | 1955-56
Jacques Plante | 1961-62
Ken Dryden | 1975-76

GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE, CAREER

- G.Hainsworth | 1926-33, 1936-37 1.78
- Jacques Plante | 1952-63 2.23
- Ken Dryden | 1970-79 2.24

GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE, SEASON

1.86

Jacques Plante | 1955-56

SAVE PCT., CAREER

- Cristobal Huet | 2005-08 .920
- Jaroslav Halak | 2006-10 .919
- Carey Price | 2007-14 .917

SAVE PCT., SEASON

.931

José Théodore | 2001-02

Sources: Hockey-Reference.com, Canadiens.NHL.com, NHL.com, Forbes.com, Capgeek.com

SCHEDULE

All times Eastern

Oct. 8	at Toronto, 7 p.m.	SN, TVA
Oct. 9	at Washington, 7 p.m.	SN 360, RDS
Oct. 11	at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.	CITY, TVA
Oct. 13	at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.	CITYM, RDS
Oct. 16	Boston, 7:30 p.m.	SN360, RDS
Oct. 18	Colorado, 7 p.m.	CITY, TVA
Oct. 21	Detroit, 7:30 p.m.	SN-E, RDS
Oct. 25	NY Rangers, 7 p.m.	SN-E, TVA
Oct. 27	at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.	CITY, RDS
Oct. 28	at Calgary, 9 p.m.	SN-E, SN-W, RDS
Oct. 30	at Vancouver, 10 p.m.	SN360, RDS
Nov. 2	Calgary, 7 p.m.	CITY, RDS
Nov. 4	Chicago, 7:30 p.m.	SN-E, RDS
Nov. 5	at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.	SN, RDS
Nov. 8	Minnesota, 7 p.m.	HNIC, TVA
Nov. 11	Winnipeg, 7:30 p.m.	SN-E, TSN3, RDS
Nov. 13	Boston, 7:30 p.m.	SN360, RDS
Nov. 15	Philadelphia, 7 p.m.	HNIC, TVA
Nov. 16	at Detroit, 7 p.m.	CITY, RDS

Nov. 18	Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.	SN-E, RDS
Nov. 20	St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.	CITYM, RDS
Nov. 22	at Boston, 7 p.m.	HNIC, TVA
Nov. 23	at NY Rangers, 7 p.m.	CITY, RDS
Nov. 28	at Buffalo, 7 p.m.	SN-E, RDS
Nov. 29	Buffalo, 7 p.m.	HNIC, TVA
Dec. 1	at Colorado, 9 p.m.	SN-E, RDS
Dec. 3	at Minnesota, 7 p.m.	SN, RDS
Dec. 5	at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.	SN-E, RDS
Dec. 6	at Dallas, 7 p.m.	HNIC, TVA
Dec. 9	Vancouver, 7:30 p.m.	SN-E, SN-P, RDS
Dec. 12	Los Angeles, 7:30 p.m.	SN-E, RDS
Dec. 16	Carolina, 7:30 p.m.	SN-E, RDS
Dec. 18	Anaheim, 7:30 p.m.	CITYM, RDS
Dec. 20	Ottawa, 7 p.m.	HNIC, TVA
Dec. 23	at NY Islanders, 7 p.m.	SN-E, RDS
Dec. 29	at Carolina, 7 p.m.	SN-E, RDS
Dec. 30	at Florida, 7:30 p.m.	SN-E, RDS
Jan. 2	at New Jersey, 7 p.m.	SN-E, RDS
Jan. 3	at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.	HNIC, TVA
Jan. 6	Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.	SN-E, RDS

Jan. 10	Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.	HNIC, TVA
Jan. 14	at Columbus, 7 p.m.	SN, RDS
Jan. 15	at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.	SN-E, TSN5, RDS
Jan. 17	NY Islanders, 7 p.m.	HNIC, TVA
Jan. 20	Nashville, 7:30 p.m.	SN-E, RDS
Jan. 27	Dallas, 7:30 p.m.	SN-E, RDS
Jan. 29	at NY Rangers, 7 p.m.	SN-E, RDS
Jan. 31	Washington, 1 p.m.	SN, RDS
Feb. 1	Arizona, 1 p.m.	CITY, RDS
Feb. 3	Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.	SN-E, RDS
Feb. 7	New Jersey, 7 p.m.	HNIC, TVA
Feb. 8	at Boston, 7:30 p.m.	SN, RDS
Feb. 10	Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.	SN-E, RDS
Feb. 12	Edmonton, 7:30 p.m.	SN-E, SN-W, RDS
Feb. 14	Toronto, 7 p.m.	HNIC, TVA
Feb. 16	at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.	SN-E, RDS
Feb. 18	at Ottawa, 7 p.m.	SN, TSN5, RDS
Feb. 19	Florida, 7:30 p.m.	SN-E, RDS
Feb. 21	Columbus, 7 p.m.	HNIC, TVA
Feb. 24	at St. Louis, 8 p.m.	SN-E, RDS
Feb. 26	at Columbus, 7 p.m.	SN-E, RDS

Feb. 28	Toronto, 7 p.m.	HNIC, TVA
March 2	at San Jose, 10 p.m.	SN-E, RDS
March 4	at Anaheim, 10 p.m.	SN, RDS
March 5	at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.	SN-E, RDS
March 7	at Arizona, 7 p.m.	HNIC, TVA
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March 21	San Jose, 7 p.m.	HNIC, TVA
March 24	at Nashville, 8 p.m.	SN-E, RDS
March 26	at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.	SN-E, TSN3, RDS
March 28	Florida, 7 p.m.	HNIC, TVA
March 30	Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.	SN-E, RDS
April 2	Washington, 7:30 p.m.	SN-E, RDS
April 3	at New Jersey, 7 p.m.	SN, RDS
April 5	at Florida, 5 p.m.	SN, RDS
April 9	Detroit, 7:30 p.m.	SN-E, RDS
April 11	at Toronto, 7 p.m.	HNIC, TVA

National telecasts 22 TVA | 18 Hockey Night in Canada (HNIC, station to be announced) | 10 Sportsnet | 4 SN 360 | 1 SN One | 7 CITY
Regional telecasts 60 RDS | 3 CITY Montreal | 39 SN East | 2 SN West | 1 SN Pacific | 2 TSN3 | 3 TSN5 (blackouts may apply)

59,763 Travel kilometres (19th) 16 Back-to-back game sets
Source: Dirk Hoag's Super Schedule